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**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Docket No.: MÜCKTER-2

In re Application of:	)
HELMUT MÜCKTER	) Examiner: Willse, David H
Appl. No.: 10/601,280	) Group Art Unit: 3738
Filed: June 20, 2003	)
For: BLOOD PUMP WITH IMPELLER	)

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

S I R:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above application in response to the Official Action of December 9, 2005 having a shortened period for response terminating March 9, 2006.

The Commissioner is hereby petitioned to extend the period for response to above-referenced Official Action by ONE month until April 10, 2006.

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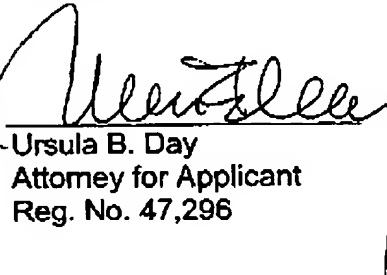
1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114**
  - a. ☐ Previously submitted
    - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116, previously filed on .
    - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .
    - iii. ☐ Other
  - b. ☒ Enclosed
    - i. ☒ Amendment/reply.
    - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - iv. ☐ Other
2. **Miscellaneous**
  - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103 (c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
  - b. ☐ Other
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.  
☒ Applicant claims small entity status pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.27.
  - a. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-0502.
    - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
    - ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
    - iii. ☐ Other
  - b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ enclosed
  - c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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- d. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-0502.

Respectfully submitted,

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